

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.
13 RONALD MERIDETH,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR15-0203-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

15 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C.
16 Coughenour, United States District Judge:

17 This matter comes before the Court on Defendant Ronald Merideth's unopposed motion
18 to continue the trial date (Dkt. No. 18). Mr. Merideth requests a trial continuance from October
19 19, 2015 to November 30, 2015, and a continuance of the pretrial motions deadline from
20 September 8, 2015, to October 30, 2015. (Dkt. No. 18 at 1.) Defendant has signed and executed
21 a waiver of his speedy trial rights under the Sixth Amendment and the Speedy Trial Act (Dkt.
22 No. 19).

23 Having thoroughly considered Mr. Merideth's motion and the relevant record, the Court
24 finds that the interests of justice would be served in allowing the trial, as well as the pretrial
25 motions deadline, to be continued due to the considerations outlined in 18 U.S.C.
26 § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv). Defense counsel has indicated that she requires additional time to prepare

for trial so that she can review, understand, and investigate discovery provided by the government. (Dkt. No. 18 at 2.) These due process considerations “outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.” 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). Thus, the period of delay from the filing of the motion on August 5, 2015, to the new trial date of November 30, 2015, is excludable time under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

6 The Court hereby GRANTS Mr. Merideth's motion (Dkt. No. 18). The trial date is
7 CONTINUED to November 30, 2015, and pretrial motions shall be due by October 30, 2015.

8 DATED this 29 day of September 2015.

William M. McCool
Clerk of Court

s/Paula McNabb
Deputy Clerk